City of Barrie
Report of Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Wednesday, January 28, 2026
6:00 pm or immediately following Executive Committee
Council Chambers

Present:
Councillor B. Hamilton, Chair
Mayor A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor R. Thomson
Councillor C. Riepma
Councillor N. Nigussie

Absent:

Other Members Present and Staff:
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, AM. Kungl
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, S. Diemart
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
Director of Boundary Adjustment Team, K. Oakley
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Director of Legislative and Court Services/City Clerk, W. Cooke
Director of Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability, S. Mack
Executive Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Fire Chief, K. White
General Manager of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, J. Schmidt
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Senior Policy Advisor and Legislative Coordinator, E. Chappell

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, B. Hamilton at 6:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

Nil.

3. OPEN DELEGATIONS

Nil.

4. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/ OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

4.1 Presentation by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority concerning Chloride in the Lake Simcoe Watershed

Presentation by Don Goodyear, General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management and Bill Thompson, Watershed Plans and Strategies of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation concerning Chloride in the Lake Simcoe Watershed.

Mr. Goodyear and Mr. Thompson discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Graph illustrating Winter Salt Concentration in Lake Simcoe between 1970 and 2020;
- Tributaries and Chloride Trends;
- Tributaries Chloride Guideline Exceedances January 2014 to December 2023;
- Continuous Chloride Monitoring in Western Creek;
- Graph illustrating continuous Chloride Concentrations in Western Creek - January 2025 to April 2025;
- Photographs illustrating of Testing Salt Application Rates in Parking Lots;
- Photographs illustrating Surface Friction Testing;
- Photographs illustrating Salted and Snowy Walkways;
- Winter maintenance expectations;
- The necessity of winter maintenance;
- Winter maintenance practices;
- Case study regarding commercial parking lot;
- Types of best practices and approach to salt usage; and
- Next steps for municipalities.

Members of Committee and asked a number of questions of the presenters and received responses.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

6. DEFERRED/REFERRED ITEMS

6.1 Referred from General Committee dated November 26, 2025 -

Memorandum- Sandbox Centre Annual Report and Request

Sandbox Remittance

1. That the request by the Sandbox for deferral of their remittance 33% of the apportioned maintenance and utilities (where applicable) in order to align their lease with the City and their 3-year business plan renewal with the Province, be granted; and
2. That any remittance be phased in over two years, with 50% of the full amount applying in 2027 with the other 50% being funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve with full payments starting in 2028; and
3. That the remittance commence on April 1, 2027 subject to the board transition to support a Regional Innovation Centre and an executed lease agreement with the City.

Approved for consideration by General Committee

Regional Innovation Board Membership

That upon receipt of confirmation of the new Regional Innovation Board Members being appointed, Councillor, S. Morales be appointed as the voting representative to the board, and that the Director of Economic Development be appointed as a non-voting member.

Approved for consideration by General Committee

7. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

7.1 Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated November 25, 2025

That the Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated November 25, 2025, is received.

Received

7.2 Report of the Youth Council dated December 1, 2025

That the Report of the Youth Council dated December 1, 2025, is received.

Received

7.3 Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated December 2, 2025

That the Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated December 2, 2025, is received.

Received

7.4 Report of the Sustainability Committee dated January 8, 2026

That the Report of the Sustainability Committee dated January 8, 2026, is received

Received

8. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Nil.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

CHAIRMAN